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January 6, 1939.

Dr. Stewart M. Robinson,
23 Kempshall Place,
Elizabeth, N.J.

Dear Dr. Robinson:

Your courtesy in acquainting us with the contents of two communications which you had placed in galley proof is much appreciated. It is a pleasure to furnish you with the information for which you specifically ask.

With regard to PAGEANT, I am informed by the members of the staff of the Board who have been intimately associated with it from its initiation that the General Secretary of the Board, Dr. Robinson, with his usual painstaking care and fidelity to the responsibilities of his office, secured expert advice and gave careful consideration to all that was involved before initiating the publication of PAGEANT. It would seem as if the character of PAGEANT would be sufficient evidence that it was not intended to occupy the field covered by THE PRESBYTERIAN or similar denominational publications. As I understand it, the objective of PAGEANT was to present the great work of our Church in a pictorial form and thus make it attractive to readers who find it most congenial to secure their information after this fashion.

A series of unexpected embarrassments followed PAGEANT almost from the day of its first appearance, not the least being Dr. Robinson's illness, which we all so profoundly regret and from which we are all praying he may soon recover. As soon as it was made clearly evident that under existing circumstances the continuation of PAGEANT might prove a serious burden to the finances of the Board, prompt measures were taken to discontinue its publication as soon as the business arrangements, some of which necessarily had to be made in advance, could be honorably discontinued. Of course there has been no time as yet to ascertain just what the difference between the assets and liabilities of PAGEANT will prove to be. I am assured, however, that the net loss in dollars and cents will not exceed twenty thousand dollars.

With reference to the second communication, I am informed by the Publication Department of our Board that "the number of our Sunday Schools that use in whole or in part material from our Board of Christian Education" (quotation from your letter) is 72%.

With renewed appreciation of your friendly cooperation, which certainly sets an example of journalistic honor which could be profitably followed by other Church papers, and wishing for you and yours the richest blessings during the year which has just begun, believe me

Yours sincerely,

L. S. M.

Lewis S. Mudge
Acting General Secretary

LSM/s



First Presbyterian Church
Woodward Avenue and Edmund Place
Detroit, Michigan

Jan. 7, 1939

Rev. Stewart M. Robinson, D. D.
The Presbyterian
1217 Market St
Philadelphia, Pa.

My dear Dr. Robinson:

This is a letter to be passed on to your Subscription Department, but I should like to have it go over your desk.

I have worked hard for the last two or three years to persuade my people to take a religious newspaper, and I made a set at it at my Session meeting Wednesday night to get each one of them to subscribe for your paper. I am writing to ask if you will have the Subscription Department send a sample copy to each of the enclosed addresses, with any subscription offer that you are making. If there is any expense attached to it please send the bill to me personally.

You did this.

I congratulate you most heartily on the type of paper you are producing. As you know very well, I am quite conservative in my own theological views, but I am just as ardently in favor of having our Presbyterian Church big enough to contain the men who cherish an evangelical view. I think it ought to be big enough in short to include Henry Sloan Coffin as well as you and me, and I hope that increasingly your paper will be made up from that point of view, while keeping its fine loyalty to the essentials of our Calvinistic faith.

With best wishes and sincere esteem,

Yours faithfully,

Joseph A. Vance

JAN P R

SAMUEL G. CRAIG
73 STOCKTON STREET
PRINCETON, NEW JERSEY

Dr. Stewart M. Robinson
23 Kempshal Place
Elizabeth, N.J.

Dear Dr. Robinson:

Some time ago Professor Wm. C. Robinson of Columbia Theological Seminary sent me a carbon copy of the enclosed letter with the added statement, "If you think best let Dr. S. M. Robinson see this." As a consequence I have made a copy which I am enclosing herewith. I need not add that the communication is a ~~CONFIDENTIAL~~ one and that no part of its contents ~~is~~ for publication in connection with Professor Robinson's name.

While the letter is significant for the light it throws on the views of Princeton Seminary's guest professor of theology, it seems to me particularly significant because of what it reveals concerning the program of the present administration at Princeton under Dr. Mackay.

I am free to confess that the sympathetic attitude of THE PRESBYTERIAN toward the present administration at Princeton Seminary, as shown for instance by its publication of articles by Drs. Homrighausen and Brunner with no indication of any dissent from their contents, is a matter of no small concern to me both as a stockholder and as a member of the Board of Directors of the Presbyterian Publishing Company. According to the By-Laws of said company, as published in each issue of THE PRESBYTERIAN the policy and influence of the paper, both direct and indirect, shall always be to emphasize among other things the integrity of the Bible as the Word of God. The enclosed letter confirms me in the opinion - an opinion I am sure that many share - that for some time past THE PRESBYTERIAN has not been edited in full harmony with the By-Law to which I have alluded. It seems to me ~~absolutely~~ that unless THE PRESBYTERIAN expressly opposes the policy being pursued at Princeton Seminary at the present time its indirect influence at least is opposed to the policy to which the paper is irrevocably committed.

With kind personal regards, I remain
Jan. 16, 1939

*Very sincerely yours,
Samuel G. Craig*

The International Conference of Evangelical Students

CAMBRIDGE • ENGLAND • 27th JUNE—3rd JULY 1939

Previous Conferences :

OSLO, NORWAY, 1934
STOCKHOLM, SWEDEN, 1935
BUDAPEST, HUNGARY, 1937

Address of the Conference Executive Committee :

c/o The Inter-Varsity Fellowship of
Evangelical Unions,
39 Bedford Square, London, W.C.1

26th January, 1939.

Dear Mr. Robinson,

Many thanks for your letter. It is very kind of you to have passed on the Conference programme to your son. We are very interested that he is at Princeton, as we read many books by Hodge and Warfield. What a pity you cannot produce men like them in greater numbers to-day! Most of the recent writings of men from Princeton which we have seen fall far below the standard once reached.

From this you can gather that we are "conservative" in theology although in our Movement we do not agree with the type of "conservatism" which runs down those with whom it does not see eye to eye, and while we cannot help admiring the undoubted ability, and fearlessness of men like Gresham Machen, we cannot find it in our hearts to go quite as far as he does. Our outlook is better represented by such works as "Christianity To-day" (Dr. Samuel Craig) or Dr. Macartney of Pittsburg.

But you will know from reading British Theological literature that our alliances are rather different, and it is very hard for us to understand the various circles, and how they are related, in the States, where things are in so much bigger a scale.

The aim of our Movement is to encourage our students - the theological, but particularly those in other Faculties to carry forward the pure Reformation principles, which, in our opinion include the type of theology of the Warfield - Hodge School. It will interest you to know that while our numbers are growing steadily in the Theological Schools, of our 3000 - 4000 members more than half are medicals. We are stronger in the Hospital circles than the Student Christian Movement, which has a wider theological basis. The reason for this is not hard to find - the average non-theological student can see by taking one look at Europe that the pre-war atmosphere of idealism does not seem much to the point these days. Hence if they have any religious interest at all, they want something more closely related to the needs of

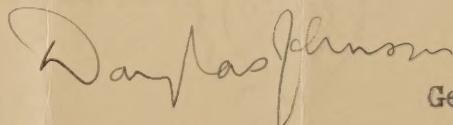
men to-day, in a time of crisis, and so the tendency is to return to one of the authoritarian religions. Many in Europe are even going over to Rome, in every country, including parts of our own. Those, however, who shrink from the papal claims, appear to have very little use for a form of Protestantism which seems to have no real authority. Hence our Movement - although we have been jeered at as having a "Paper Pope" (a jibe which leaves out of account the authority of the Holy Spirit, not to speak of the authority of Christ Himself - can make greater headway than many of our more liberal friends, whose wider sympathies and mental hesitancy do not give sufficient definiteness to their message.

We do not mean by this that those with a definite message should lack wide sympathies, but the fact remains that the Modernist School seems to be fighting a losing battle, in spite of their scholars, and the strong personalities of some of their leaders.

I must not trespass on your time, but let me assure you that our Conference will have no political aspect, nor is it intended to serve the interests of any particular Church. But it seeks to bring together many from other countries who have the same outlook, and who wish to uphold the "conservative" Reformation traditions, and to work for the revival of pure Calvinism throughout the world.

We shall be very grateful for any publicity which you can give the Conference in your paper, as you kindly suggested doing. We enclose some further details about it. If your son, and his friends are able to come over to Cambridge this summer, please assure them of a very warm welcome.

Yours very sincerely,



Gen. Sec.

Stewart M. Robinson, Esq.,
"The Presbyterian",
Philadelphia.

NIGHT LETTER

Rev. Stewart M. Robinson, D.D.,
Second Presbyterian Church,
Elizabeth , N.J.

I congratulate THE PRESBYTERIAN upon the choice of its new Editor-in-Chief. The Church has confidence in your sincerity, fairness, soundness in the faith and strong common sense. We wish you great usefulness and success as you take up your new position as watchman upon the walls of Zion.

Wm. Hallock Johnson ,
President, Lincoln University, Pa.

J. HOWARD PEW
1608 WALNUT STREET
PHILADELPHIA

February 3, 1939

Dr. Stewart M. Robinson,
23 Kempshall Place,
Elizabeth, N.J.

Dear Dr. Robinson:

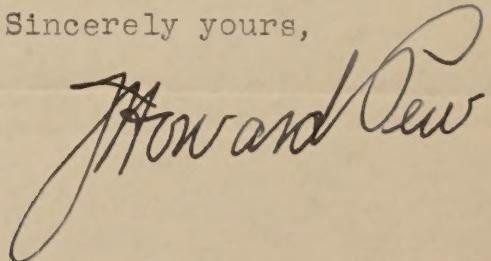
I have just received a letter from the Farm Journal in regard to using the data on Lincoln, which I quote:

"If Mrs. Adams has something authentic - that is, documents, not somebody's recollections - and it's new, I think we might use 500 words for \$50.

"But it seems to me it fits better for the religious press, and I wouldn't want to do any more than the above."

Very sorry that they were so late in making reply to us.

Sincerely yours,



P.S. I am returning Mrs. Adams' letter to you.

JHP.

JHP:B

FROM

SIR CHARLES MARSTON,

TELEPHONE: WHITEHALL 1871.
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13, QUEEN ANNE'S GATE,

(BY QUEEN ANNE'S STATUE)

LONDON, S.W.1.

17th February 1939

(Friday)

The Rev. Dr. Stewart M. Robinson, M.A., D.D.,
Editor, "The Presbyterian",
1217, Market St., PHILADELPHIA. Pa., U.S.A.

My dear Dr. Robinson,

I have just received today from New York, from my old friend
The Rev. W. Carter, a copy of Wilson's Article on my book - "The Bible
Comes Alive" - in the Presbyterian of February 2nd.

I greatly appreciate this splendid Article and desire to thank
you on behalf of your paper for publishing it.

If we keep out of war, which at the present time looks very
doubtful, and if you should come over here, I do hope you will be sure
to look me up.

*Tell your
friends
granting
this or
shall I* I would like permission to use this Article, or portion of it, for
circulating among the Presbyterians in this Country. I should of course
mention that it is taken from your paper. I am writing also to ask
Wilson for his permission.

O.K. I should be obliged if a copy of the Presbyterian for February 2nd
28 m could be sent to my wife's sister, -
2/4/39 *REK v*

Miss Adrienne Battey,
34, 14th Street N.E.,
ATLANTA. Ga. U.S.A.

Ever yours sincerely.

Charles Marston

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COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

February 18, 1939.

Mr. Stewart M. Robinson, Editor,
The Presbyterian,
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

Dear Mr. Robinson:

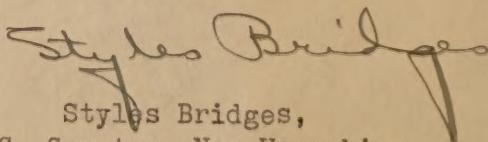
Within the past three years there has arisen in the United States, more than ever before, the threat of newspaper and radio censorship. Whether this is due to the situation in the dictator states of Europe, or to the desires of the present Administration, is beside the point. Suffice it to say, that there have been occasional demonstrations by persons who thought that the free press of America should in some way be held in check. There was an example of this on the floor of the Senate a short time ago.

I do not know into what this feeling, if you can call it that, may develop, but I am deeply concerned over attacks on, and allusions to, the character of the American newspaper. If legislation is proposed, steps must be taken to counteract it.

After all, freedom of speech and press are fundamental institutions in our form of government, and as such, must be protected. Therefore, I would greatly appreciate it if you would give me your views on this general subject. If you have knowledge of any incidents which threaten a free press I should like to be informed of them. In consideration of the above mentioned threats, do you believe the rights of freedom of speech guaranteed under the Constitution offer the American press and radio sufficient protection?

An early reply will be appreciated.

Sincerely yours,


Styles Bridges,
U. S. Senator, New Hampshire.

De Lairessestraat 117
Telephone 29359.

Amsterdam, 22 February 1939.

L.S.

At the meeting of the International Commission for Calvinistic Congresses held at Edinburgh the 6th - 11th July 1938 it was decided:

- a. that the next congress was to be held in some place in Germany in 1940;
- b. that the general subject of the congress would be: "Ordo Salutis";
- c. that the undersigned should be vice-president.

I am charged by our President, professor Maclean, to convoke a meeting of the International Commission, to be held at Emden, March 31st and April 1st.

The first session will be held March 31st at eleven o'clock. The exact place will be indicated later. There will be time for a second session in the evening, and a third session in the morning of April 1st.

The agenda at present is as follows.

1. The Congress of 1940. Our German Brethren are of opinion that Emden will be the best place. In the summer of 1940 the Reformed Church of Emden is to celebrate the quarter-centenary of the arrival in that town of à Lasco.

While the preparation of the Congress is to be left to the Preparatory Commission in Germany, - of which His Excellency Baron Dufour Feronce, now at the "auswärtiges Amt" in Berlin, is President, - it will certainly be useful if the members of the International Committee can suggest names of persons from whom a paper can be asked.

2. How to advance the international Calvinistic movement.

3. Encourage the holding of local congresses in countries.

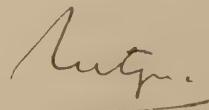
4. The connection with student federations holding to the Calvinistic creed.

5. The composition and competence of the international committee and the organisation of international congresses.

The results of the discussion of the Commission will be reported to the 1940 Congress for approval or otherwise.

Professor Maclean and I myself heartily wish that you will be able to be present in Emden. Will you have the kindness to let me know whether you intend to come? If you should be prevented to be present, it will be of importance that you should express your opinion on the points to be discussed by the Commission.

The vice-president of the International Commission



(Prof. Dr. V. H. Rutgers)

ERNEST TRICE THOMPSON
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

L DUDLEY FLETCHER
BUSINESS MANAGER

THE PRESBYTERIAN OF THE SOUTH

AND
THE PRESBYTERIAN STANDARD
3401 BROOK ROAD
RICHMOND, VA.

March 6, 1939

Rev. Stewart M. Robinson, D.D.,
Editor-in-Chief,
The Presbyterian,
1217 Market Street,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Dear Dr. Robinson:

I am writing to ask if you are willing for the Presbyterian of the South to republish the series of articles which appeared in your paper this last winter by Dr. Emil Brunner. We shall, of course, give due credit to your own paper.

Thanking you for this privilege, I am

Most sincerely yours,

Ernest Trice Thompson

EPT:LC

The Presbyterian Hospital in Philadelphia

51 NORTH THIRTY-NINTH STREET

DEPARTMENT OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION AND WORK
REV. JOSEPH TAYLOR BRITAN, D. D. CHAPLAIN

March 10 1939

RICHARDSON HOME
ELIZA CATHCART HOME
DEVON, PENNA.

The Presbyterian,
1217 Market Street,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Dear Dr. Robinson:

I wonder if this letter would suitable for an article in The Presbyterian. This letter is dated December 8 1938, but the need is still great.

The Rev. Paul L.Berman is one of our National Missions representative, as you know, and last summer made a trip to Europe to study conditions.

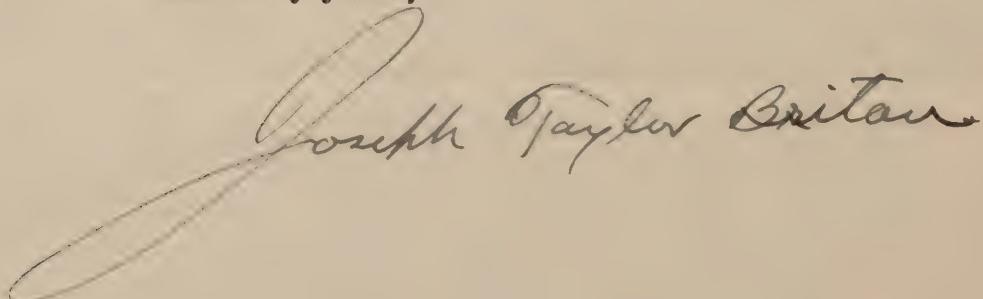
I also enclose a copy of an article which I wrote and which appeared in The Sunday School Times. You will notice that we have formed a committee for receiving and sending money to the needy Jews and Jewish Christians in Europe. We have received something over \$6,000.00. for this purpose.

You will notice in the Sunday School Times article who our sponsors are; Mark A.Mathews, Clarence E.Macartney, ect. ect.

If you can give the names of our Committee and the names of our sponsors it will help.

I am condensing my sermon "The Church in the Modern World", preached in Columbus last Sunday at the 100th. anniversary celebration of the founding of Central Presbyterian Church and will send it in soon.

Cordially yours,



COPY

THE INTERNATIONAL HEBREW CHRISTIAN ALLIANCE
Memorial House, 19 Draycott Place,

General Secretary,
Rev. Arnold Frank, B.D.
Rev. Jacob Peltz, B.D.

London, S.W.3

President

Rev. Arnold Frank, D.D.
Recording Secy and Treas.
Rev. Harcourt Samuel.

December 6, 1938

Dear Mr. Berman :

As a result of the recent reign of terror in Germany, sufferings amongst the Jewish Christians in the greater Reich, and in other countries adjacent to Germany, have increased to such alarming proportions that I am forced to turn to others than those in Great Britain to help us in our efforts to relieve the distress of the victims of the Nazi terror. in distress As you know we have been at work in the relief of Hebrew Christians ever since the persecutions arose in Germany in 1933. We have helped to feed and shelter thousands who otherwise would have starved or committed suicide, during the last five years. All this money we have raised in the British Isles , but now that the persecutions have assumed such alarming proportions and the Hebrew Christians who ~~try~~ them in Germany, in Austria and Czechoslovakia number one and a half millions we can no longer carry the burden ourselves in in Great Britain and we are turning to you to ask if you cannot implore your Christian friends in America to come to our rescue.

It is difficult for me to describe the tragedy that has overwhelmed our people. We get thousands of appeals through our accredited Hebrew Christians representing us in these various countries, and the number of those in distress is simply overwhelming. Just now Jews and Jewish Christians by the thousands have been placed in concentration camps. Wives and daughters who have been left to starve and to suffer the pain of separation from their loved ones, implore us to help get their fathers and brothers out of ~~the~~ prison. Then there are the refugees ousted from their homes and driven like cattle out of their country- men ,women and children, the aged and the sick alike have been left stranded without shelter, without food, without belongings. These victims of Nazi hate have found temporary shelter in the stables and in the fields.

Our work consists not only in giving food and shelter to the starving and homeless, which we regard as temporary relief, but we are making a desperate effort to help the emigration and settlement of these people for whom there is no future in Germany. Already we have helped to settle some of these Hebrew Christian sufferers in Palestine, in Australia, in Africa and South American countries like Uruguay, Ecuador, the Argentine and Peru. We have just received permission to settle five hundred families in Ecuador, the Government of that country having given us at a nominal figure a large tract of land. It will mean however that we shall have to re-train some of these Hebrew Christian doctors, lawyers, teachers, dentists for agricultural work. We maintain two homes in London where we keep these refugees for a longer or shorter period until we can settle them in other countries. We also support twenty of these refugees in Wales, and now we are arrangements to open up two houses in Scotland for the refugees.

Through our ministry of relief many Jews have been converted and many have become on fire for Christ. Some of those who have come to the Saviour recently were formerly, judges, doctors, university professors as well as business men. You can imagine ~~the~~ what influence for Christ they will have on Jews and others in the respective communities where they settle in the new countries that will give them a refuge.

Never have we faced such a catastrophe in which the Jews find themselves as today, and I do hope and pray that God will use you and other lovers of Israel in America to awaken the Christian public to their sense of responsibility to Israel in the day of their tragedy.

I am herewith enclosing a page from the current issue of "The Christian" where you will see how the editor of that great Christian weekly speaks in such high terms of our work and implores the Christian public of this country to come to our aid.

Trusting that God will use you mightily in arousing interest on behalf of Christ's brethren according to the flesh,

Very cordially and sincerely yours,

(Signed) Jacob Peltz.

An Appeal for Persecuted Israel

A definite plan to bring relief to the suffering families in Europe

By Joseph Taylor Britan, D.D.

THE Jew is being persecuted. A cruel tide of anti-Semitism is rolling over the face of the earth. From the beginning Israel as a nation has suffered, but today the sorrows of persecuted Israel shock the world and cry to Heaven for mercy and judgment. Hatred of the Jew has become a fetish with many pagan individuals and with some nations. Even so-called civilized peoples are influenced and are yielding to vicious propaganda of hate that is spreading over the world as a poison gas. The Anglican Bishop of Jerusalem is quoted as saying, "The civilized world is approximating to universal anti-Semitism." Our daily papers confirm these statements.

The Spread of Anti-Semitism

The center of anti-Semitism today is Germany, but from Germany persecution of the Jew has spread to nearly all portions of the globe. In Poland Jews are in danger of their lives. "Two million are deprived of all means of subsistence." Many depend for a living upon what they receive from relatives in the United States, Africa, Australia, or Canada. Poland has applied to the League of Nations to help get rid of one million Jews. These millions are crowded in ghettos, deprived of their property, living in extreme poverty, subject to violence at any time, and are without hope save as the nations of the world come to their aid. In Denmark, Portugal, Greece, Italy, Russia, and in some nations of South America the serpent of anti-Semitism is raising its head. In the United States are certain large groups working for the German system, and the German system means ultimate anti-Semitism with a later assault on the Christian faith.

Let there be no doubt concerning this fact: anti-Semitism is anti-Christian. The spirit of anti-Semitism is the spirit of Antichrist, and the battle is now joined between the forces of Satan and his hosts and the forces of Christ and his Church. If the Jew has not escaped the wrath of diabolic persecution, neither has, and neither shall, the Christian Church. The Roman Catholic Church, the Protestant Church, and the Jewish Christian are all included in the program of "liquidation" prepared by the German Reich and now in operation.

One is tempted to enlarge upon the details of the sorrows of the Jews of Europe. Let us be content with the description of one reliable eyewitness. The horrors of existence under the present persecution of the Jews in Austria are told by R. H. Knickerbocker, the noted correspondent of the International News Service. Mr. Knickerbocker was in Austria at the time of the seizure of that nation by Herr Hitler, and saw with his own eyes what he records. He writes:

"What will probably prove to be the world's greatest pogrom in one of the world's greatest Jewish cities is now un-

der way in Austria, especially in Vienna where an estimated 800,000 non-Aryan men, women, and children are hiding or fleeing in terror in an effort to save themselves from Reichsfuehrer Hitler's storm troops. The figure 800,000 may seem extremely high since only 200,000 orthodox Jews are registered in Vienna. But the Nuremberg laws apply to all persons having as much as one-fourth Jewish blood. Intermarriage with the Jews has always been frequent among the aristocracy and army officers, and there is a much higher percentage of persons with Jewish blood in Vienna than there ever was in Berlin, Frankfort, or any other German city.

"The tragedy of the position of the Jews in Austria is that they cannot get out. For reasons psychological, political, and economic the Nazis forbid these creatures whom they hate and despise to leave. Nearly a million men, women, and children are unable to escape, and are forced to await their fate which may mean anything up to and including death. Tens of thousands of these Viennese and other Austrian Jews will slip out of their homes and try to find refuge in some cellar or attic. Every night they will hide in some new place. It won't do the Austrian Jews much good to try. . . Only the very richest Jews with powerful political connections abroad may hope to escape." (Quoted from "The Time of Jacob's Trouble," by Louis S. Bauman, Long Beach, Calif.)

Economic Annihilation

And who can describe the terrors of life for the Jews in Germany! Laws have been passed by which the government can legally and thoroughly rob the Jews of their homes, business, capital, and rights as human beings. In Germany, we are told, "The slow economic annihilation of the Jew has become more excruciatingly cruel than annihilation by the sword." Today the Jews and the Jewish Christians find themselves unwanted, robbed of their possessions, prohibited from earning their living, and free only to end it all by suicide—unless the Christian and freedom-loving portion of the world comes to their rescue.

At last the world has arisen in protest. Individuals, church organizations, business organizations, nations in conference together with many groups of many names are seeking ways to save alive some six million Jews and non-Aryans who are being crushed under the reign of terror centering in and inspired by Germany. The President of the United States "denounces Nazi war on the Jews as a persecution deeply shocking." He "could scarcely believe such things could occur in a civilized society." Dr. James Black, Moderator of the Church of Scotland, recently appealed through the daily press for help, as follows: "The time has come when it has to be emphasized that the non-

Aryan Christians of Germany are a problem side by side with the Jewish problem, or rather they are a part of the problem, for no distinction is made on grounds of faith. . . . Advices lately received reveal that non-Aryans in Germany whether Jewish or Christian in faith are slowly and inexorably being annihilated."

Such is the condition of the Jews in Europe and such the condition of the Jewish Christians. According to the *World Dominion Press*, London, "Germany has still 350,000 Jews and 750,000 non-Aryans. Poland has 3,500,000 Jews and some 400,000 non-Aryans. Roumania has 1,000,000 Jews. Austria has 200,000 Jews and some 400,000 non-Aryans. This makes a total of 6,600,000 people of Jewish blood unwanted in Europe as a result of anti-Semitism." Of this 6,600,000 there are more than a million people with a fraction of Jewish blood in their veins (known as non-Aryans) who are subject to all the persecutions and restrictions that are visited upon the Jews. And the great majority of these last, we are assured, are men, women, and children who have never known any other than the Christian faith.

Hebrew Christians in Danger

Realizing that the numbers of non-Aryans may vary according to different authorities, admitting that it is difficult to arrive at exact truth through the press reports, yet this much is certain: The entire Jewish population of Europe is in more or less danger of death, and there are at least a million men, women, and children of the Christian faith who today are dispossessed and defrauded, and who "are slowly being exterminated." These are our Christian brethren. Their backs are bowed under a burden heavier than men and women can bear for long without breaking. Their faces are sad with the thoughts of a future that is filled with terror and cruelty and pitiless persecution. Patiently they are living amid the ruin of all that they hold most dear, their life at least a thing of shreds and patches. They are looking to us daily for help, for only we can help them. Our gifts are the means by which they may live.

The ministers and laymen who endorse this appeal believe that the conditions herein described are essentially true, and that the ruthlessness and cruelty described on the front pages of our papers every day constitute such a challenge to the Christian Church as has seldom come to the people of God. God is calling his people to show forth mercy and sympathy and love and substantial help to the Jews and to the Jewish Christians of Central Europe. Under no circumstance would we differentiate between races or religions in an appeal for help.

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The Sunday School Times

Christmas Number



European Picture Service

The Church of the Nativity in Bethlehem

British army lorries and Red Cross trucks, whose presence has recently been required in Palestine because of Arab terrorism, are shown in the courtyard of the church built over the supposed site of Christ's birth

THIS CHRISTMAS — AND THE STAR

By Plumb E. Wells

"O little town of Bethlehem!" Today
Shatters your white stillness with the roar
Of modern guns and planes! Not
Shepherds' eager-questing feet nor
Angels' song, nor heavenly Babe's
First cry — not these
The sounds that rock, today, all Palestine!

"O little town of Bethlehem," we lift
Unholden eyes away even from thee,
To Christ Himself! Him only
Would we see; and hear His kingly
Shout! Our hearts burn, too, today,
Emmaus-like,
As He declares all that the prophets say!

"O little town of Bethlehem," above
Your manger's hallowed place of priceless Gift;
Above Golgotha and fair
Olivet; above all "fearful
Sights" and sounds — today we see
Swift-brightening,
The Morning Star! "O come to us"—
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The River That Makes Glad

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forts are being made to check the flow of the life-giving River, there are here and there in individual lives channels still open through which streams of blessing flow. In down-trodden Ethiopia there is likewise a reaching out for the waters of life. And poor bleeding China! Missionaries, who are there facing her dangers and sharing her suffering, say there was never such an opportunity, as the poor, distressed people feel their

need as never before, and their hearts are open to the Gospel. In relief work, and in refugee camps, many from different parts of the great country who would not otherwise be reached hear the Word and believe.

Christian hearts have recently been made to rejoice by hearing of a gracious revival in Japan. From many other places come news of revival. Surely the River of Blessing flows on in unexpected directions, making "glad the city of God," the true Church, who stands steadfast amid the distress of nations, for "God is in the midst of her; she shall not be moved." And she hears a wonderful promise for the future: "God shall help her, and that right early," or at the dawn of morning. This may be a promise of the Lord's coming for his Church. "Surely I come quickly."

When he comes the nations will still be raging, and the kingdoms be moved, but when he utters his voice the earth shall melt. Just think how his voice of authority will sound in the ears of the heartless, scheming dictators of this world! But, to his own, it is a voice of gentle stillness, and his Church sings confidently, "The Lord of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our refuge." In this safe refuge, the Lord says to his people, "Come, behold the works of the Lord, what desolation he hath made in the earth," and it makes them laugh for joy when he says what those desolations are. "He maketh wars to cease unto the end of the earth; he breaketh the bow, and cutteth the spear in sunder; he burneth the chariot in the fire."

The poor weary world is accustomed to the desolations of war, but it is just like a gracious God that his desolations shall cause "wars to cease unto the end of the earth." Yet to those who delight in war, and plan cruel conquests by their mighty armaments, it will seem like desolation indeed to look on while One with unquestioned authority destroys the deadly bombs, burns the swift army planes in fire, stops all munitions plants, disbands earth's mightiest armies, navies, and air forces. Yes, to many it will seem like real desolation when he causes wars to cease. And only God can do this.

The true Church has longed deeply to see the end of wars, and of all other evils that destroy men's lives. She has grieved over the worldliness and indifference of professing Christians, and has seen the greatest need of Spirit-filled witnesses to declare the Good News to all the world. She is troubled over the great stream of worthless, faith-destroying teaching that is given out to a needy world in the name of the Lord Jesus, deceiving many and poisoning the minds of many young people. And in the true Church, God's own dear children cannot see eye to eye even in important, vital matters. But the Lord does not chide her for all the evils that exist. He would have her faith in him to be undaunted, he would have her remember that the things which are impossible with man are possible with God, and that God alone can give peace to a restless, troubled, warring world. So he speaks in words of tender authority, "Be still, and know that I am God: I

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